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- 25X1 1. The movement of Russian truck convoys through Tihua* has ceased. Transport to and from the west is maintained by People's Liberation Army trucks which move day and night, singly or in groups of five.
2. Personnel, including officials, of the Sinkiang Provincial Government, are engaged in quarrying stone and pulling sledges, despite the subzero weather. This activity follows a mass effort by Chinese Communist troops to procure building materials.**
3. Plans for the development of Sinkiang Province include the construction of a railroad to be built by Soviet engineers with some Russian material. The terminal points of the railroad have not been stated.***
4. Propaganda in Tihua is much concerned with Sino-Soviet friendship, but lays more stress on what the Chinese can accomplish alone by mass effort.

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